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RE: Friends of Schumer, Identification Number: C00346312

Dear Mr. Young:

This response is submitted on behalf of Friends of Schumer (the "Committee") to answer a question raised in the Federal Election Commission's ("FEC" or the "Commission") July 3, 2001 notification concerning information reported in the Committee's Year End 2000 Report (the "Year End Report"). An itemization of the Committee's response to the FEC's questions follows:

1. Contributions questioned by FEC as excessive were properly redesignated and reported pursuant to FEC Regulations

In the FEC's July 3, 2001 notification, you identified nine properly reported contributions that you characterized as "apparent excessive contributions." Each of these contributions was properly reported pursuant to FEC Regulations as "seeking redesignation." 11 C.F.R. §103.3(b)(5) ("A statement noting that the legality of the contribution is in question shall be included in the report noting the receipt of the contribution.") As you stated in your letter, the Committee has 60 days from the date of receipt to obtain a signed redesignation from a donor or refund the excessive portion of the contribution. 11 C.F.R. §103.3(b)(3). The nine contributions that you identified were received between December 12 and December 29, 2000. The 60-day period for obtaining the requested redesignations would not expire before February 10, 2001, 41 days after the close of the Year End Report activity period. The Committee, therefore, is unclear as to why it received a Request for Additional Information letter from the FEC regarding "apparent excessive contributions" when it reported the contributions properly. To avoid receiving such letters from the FEC regarding similar contributions in the future, please